

St. John the Evangelist Greece

November 10, 2024

2400 West Ridge Road
Rochester, New York 14626



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT
As disciples of Jesus Christ serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, we collaborate with the Pastor and Staff inviting the people of St. John the Evangelist Church to joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, faithfully teach Catholic tradition, and fervently form Catholic spirituality, so that together we may go forth in love to serve the Lord and each other.



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

CONFESSIONS By Appointment Only.

Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.

BAPTISMS For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

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Find us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheEvangelistChurchofGreece) St John the Evangelist Church of Greece

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday

Ti 1:1-9/
Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/
Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Ti 3:1-7/
Ps 23:1b-6/
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Phlm 7-20/
Ps 146:7-10/
Lk 17:20-25

Friday

2 Jn 4-9/
Ps 119:1, 2, 10-11, 17-18/
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8/
Ps 112:1-6/
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Dn 12:1-3/
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-11/
Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32

Welcome!

If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you so please if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, and support of our beloved St. John's Church are appreciated. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office for registration assistance. You will find contact information on the front cover of the bulletin.

What does the Bible Say About Giving?

The Widow's Offering

There are at least three important things about giving in this story of the widow's offering:

God values our offerings differently than man does.

In God's eyes, the value of the offering is not determined by the amount of the offering. The text says that the wealthy gave large amounts, but the widow's offering was of much higher value because she gave all that she had. It was a costly sacrifice. Note that Jesus did not say she put in more than *any* of the others; he said she put in more than *all* the others.

Our attitude in giving is important to God.

The text says Jesus "watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury." Jesus observed the people as they gave their offerings, and he watches today as we give. If we give to be seen by men or with a stingy heart toward God, our offering loses its value. Jesus is more interested and impressed by *how* we give than *what* we give. We see this same principle in the story of Cain and Abel. God evaluated Cain and Abel's offerings. Abel's offering was pleasing in God's eyes, but he rejected Cain's. Rather than giving to God out of thankfulness and worship, Cain may have presented his offering with evil or selfish intent. Maybe he had hoped to receive special recognition. Regardless, Cain knew the



right thing to do, but he didn't do it. God even gave Cain an opportunity to make things right, but he chose not to.

This illustrates again that

God watches **what** and **how** we give. God not only cares about the quality of our gifts to him, but also the attitude in our hearts as we offer them.

God doesn't want us to be overly concerned with how our offering is spent.

At the time Jesus observed this widow's offering, the temple treasury was managed by the corrupt religious leaders of that day. But Jesus did not mention anywhere in this story that the widow should not have given to the temple.

Although we should do what we can to ensure that the ministries we give to are good stewards of God's money, we can't always know for certain that the money we give will be spent correctly. We should not be overly burdened with this concern, nor should we use this as an excuse not to give.

It's important for us to find a good church that is wisely managing its financial resources for God's glory and for the growth of God's kingdom. But once we give to God, we don't need to worry about what happens to the money. This is God's problem to resolve. If a church leader or a ministry misuses its funds, God knows how to deal with them.

by Mary Fairchild, Christianity Expert, www.about.com/religion/



With sincere gratitude for your sacrifice and service, we salute our Veterans!

Peace to all and may God bless you.

Fr. Peter and the Faith Community of St. John's

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Masses for the Week—November 11-17

MONDAY, November 11 *St Martin of Tours*
8:15 AM + *All Veterans*

TUESDAY, November 12 *St Josaphat*
8:15 AM + *Joan Fleming*
by Circle of Friends

WEDNESDAY, Nov 13 *St Frances Xavier Cabrini*
8:15 AM + *Norma Nelson*
by Ray & Marcia Parsons

THURSDAY, November 14 *Weekday*

FRIDAY, November 15 *St Albert the Great*
8:15 AM + *Louise Maier*
by The Grotke Family

SAT, Nov 16 *Sts Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude*
4:00 PM + *Cosmo & Marji Lombardini*
by Dornan & Lombardini Families

SUNDAY, November 10 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM + *The People of St John's;*
Living and Deceased
10:00 AM + *Andrew & Rose Oliveri*
by Rose DiBella

**Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish**

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 10
9:00 AM OCIA in Meeting Room
Coffee Hour following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses
in Parish Center

Monday, November 11 Veteran's Day
Parish Office CLOSED
NO Bible Study

Saturday, November 16
9:00 AM—Noon Giving Tree/Angel Prep in Parish Ctr

Sunday, November 17
9:00 AM OCIA in Parish Center
11:00 AM Confirmation Class Yrs 1 & 2 in Parish Ctr

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16
Alexander Bradshaw	All Deacons	Richard Brickler	Philip Brockmyre	Michael Brown	Timothy Brown	Brian Carpenter

A Special Remembrance

At last weekend's Annual Parish Memorial Mass, the following names were added to our Benefactor's and Memorial Gifts Plaque.

Patricia Boothby, Karen Kenyon, Frank Haszlauer, and Lawrence Kalb and his daughter, Mariann Cleere

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those deceased who, while still alive, arranged for memorial contributions be made to St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece, NY in his/her memory, or their family decided this after their loved one's passing. Please know that donations that total \$500 or more that are received in memory of someone, result in the deceased person's name being added to the plaque. As your Pastor, I not only encourage you, but I will be grateful if you will please remember St. John's in your funeral planning.

I also take this opportunity to thank St. John's Women's Guild members, together with our Pastoral Minister, Tod Simone, for their efforts in planning this Memorial Mass.

God Bless, Fr. Peter

MASS INTENTIONS Mass Book Opening

The Mass Book will open **Wed, Nov 13** to schedule for the months of January thru April 2025. Requests will be by telephone (no in-person requests on Nov 13) **from 9:00 AM until Noon and 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM.** Please know that this is not the only day you can call to schedule a Mass for these months but it's the first date/time you can do so. Thank you.

Your Help is Needed for Our Advent Giving Trees & Angels

We will be going back to gifts this year and MANY hands will be needed! Here are a few ways to help:

GIVING TREE
Preparing the Angels For Their Journey Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We will gather in the Parish

Center to prepare the Angels. There are 10 organizations that we will be donating to. A total of 240 Angels were delivered last year and we anticipate the same number this year.

Create the Launch Space Friday, November 29 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We will meet in Church to decorate for Advent. This includes setting up the 2 Advent Trees and placing the Angels on them, setting up the Advent Wreath and other decorations.

Clearing the Launch Space 2 opportunities Saturday, December 7/Sunday, December 8. AND/OR Saturday, December 14/Sunday, December 15. After the 4 PM and 10 AM Masses the returned Angels and their gifts need to fly from under the trees to the Baptismal Meeting Room in an organized manner to be prepared for blast off.

Blast Off Tuesday, December 17 time to be determined. Organizations will be stopping by the Parish Center to pick up the gifts. Help will be needed loading the gifts into the vehicles

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects please contact Patty Hoag – 585-880-2426, Arts and Environment Committee

Finance Council Meeting Minutes—October 2, 2024

Annual Corporate Meeting: - required by the Diocese. *Attendees:* Fr. Peter, Chris Frontale (Finance Director), Bob Skrypek, Jerry Dominik, Mary Speer (Trustee), Deb Smith, Nick Verdino (Trustee), Joe Spurrier

Annual Corporate Meeting Summary

Each Parish in the Diocese is a separate Not-for-Profit Corporation. As such it is required to summarize various organizational details and financial results from the previous and current Fiscal Years.

One of those requirements is to issue to parishioners a public summary of Financial Results for the previous Fiscal Year, i.e, 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024.

The results for our parish will be published in our Bulletin on November 10, 2024.

Regular Finance Council Meeting: *Attendees:* Fr. Peter, Chris Frontale (Finance Director), Bob Skrypek, Jerry Dominik, Mary Speer (Trustee), Deb Smith, Nick Verdino (Trustee), Joe Spurrier

Review Financial Report to Parishioners for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 – done and unanimously approved during the Corporate Meeting; these results will be published in an upcoming Parish Bulletin. Statements distributed at the meeting:

- One-page Pie Chart summary of results (Revenue and Expenses) with narrative.
- One-page high-level Balance Sheet.
- Joe will also work with Gary Kern to publish this 3 page summary on Parish Website.

Review Year-end Communis Accounts

Chris Frontale pointed out that the Communis fund returned 12% for the Fiscal Year ended 6/30/24. St John's does have access to some of the money if needed.

Review Financial Statements for previous full Fiscal Year (23-24) and current Fiscal Year (7/1/24 – 9/30/24)

- Previous Fiscal Year – reviewed and approved during Annual Corporate Meeting.
- Balance Sheet – continues to be healthy.
- Income/Expense Statement – discussed details around line items which showed significant increase or decrease.

Chris Frontale prepared a 2-page summary of key line items but also distributed a 6-page line item report; good discussion on key items of expense. The council appreciated the thoroughness of the presentation.

Review of Current Year - Collections and Attendance:

- Our budget of \$494,000 (Regular Sunday + online) is higher than last year's \$486,000.
- Total collections vs budget is negative for 1st 13 weeks and worse than last year at this time. These numbers are published in our Weekly Bulletin.
- Chris distributed a chart of 13 Weekly collections vs budget – 5 met or above; 8 below.
- July and Aug showed a surplus but lower than July and Aug for last year, but Sept showed major increase in deficit vs a surplus from last year.
- This will be watched carefully.
- Avg attendance is holding at about 404 per weekend, a bit down from last year.
- Mass streaming usually has about 15 – 20 viewers.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update:

St. John's goal for 2024-2025 Campaign is \$78,000, down \$3,000 from last year's goal of \$81,000. Chris also shared details on how the goal was set for our Parish.

Buildings and Grounds Update:

- Replace HVAC Unit (A/C + Heat) outside West wall of Parish Center. Monroe Piping installed a temporary fix in Dec. of 2023 and estimated that we'd get another year out of the unit.
- Council decided to ask vendors for detailed proposals with timing.
- Repair to Narthex floor – floor is becoming very worn in some areas; temporary fix (mats?) is available but tabled the discussion to next meeting.
- Re-facing concrete in front of Church – did not discuss current proposal
- Silo and Skylight – did not discuss current proposal.
- In light of the number of projects being discussed the Council agreed we needed to update the total list of Capital Projects for SJ and assign priorities for future work. Joe will publish the most recent list before next Finance Council meeting.
- Current Snow Removal/Salting contract with Trimline runs through Spring of 2025. We discussed the need to seek additional bids (Magar?) in summer of 2025.

Finance Council + Parish Council will meet at St. Charles to discuss status and next steps from Pastoral Planning Task Force. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 15.

Next Meeting – did not set a date.



“Circle of Hope” Now “Circle of Friends”

The *Circle of Hope* is now the *Circle of Friends*. We meet at 11:00 AM on the third Tuesday of the month for a lunch meeting at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue. All widowed and single people are welcome to attend. Come join us and make new friends! If interested in attending an upcoming meeting, contact Rose DiBella at 225-0328.

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

St John the Evangelist, Greece, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures with Budgets.

For the Fiscal year (FY) ended June 2024

	FY 2023-24 Actual	FY 2022-23 Actual
Regular Collections	\$ 544,657	\$ 545,217
Fundraisers	\$ 19,744	\$ 19,438
Gifts/Donations	\$ 6,463	\$ 39,062
Ministries & Programs	\$ 19,948	\$ 18,483
Other Receipts	\$ 26,826	\$ 18,975

TOTAL

OPERATING RECEIPTS \$ 617,638 \$ 641,175

*Operating Receipts are donations that are given to the parish during the fiscal year that are to pay for the cost of operating the parish during that fiscal year.

Parish Salaries/Benefits	\$ 332,829	\$ 304,461
Fundraising	\$ 14,479	\$ 12,366
School Assessment	\$ 81,000	\$ 82,000
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$ 46,280	\$ 36,296
Ministries & Programs	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,035
Supplies	\$ 11,735	\$ 16,655
Building & Maintenance	\$ 111,629	\$ 127,338
Other Expenses	\$ 48,213	\$ 64,299

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 647,484 \$ 644,451

NET OPERATING

SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (29,846) \$ (3,275)

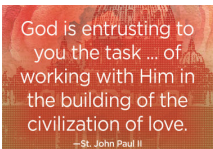
*Operating Expenditures are the costs associated with operating the parish for the fiscal year. This includes wages/benefits, electric, gas, insurance, supplies, etc. for all the building and needs of the parish.

NON-OPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSE:

TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE \$ 158,959 \$ 143,937

TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$ (28,965) \$ (322,585)

*Non-Operating Revenue are income for the parish that do not come from normal activities within the parish. This is mostly made up of investment returns. Non-Operating Expenditures are costs for the parish that are not routine for the parish. This is usually major capital improvements that are being completed, such as HVAC improvements, roof replacements, etc. The prior year number also includes the estimated channeling injunction contribution to the Diocesan Bankruptcy settlement.



Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

Parishioner meetings to give input on the draft Recommendation being prepared by the Pastoral Planning

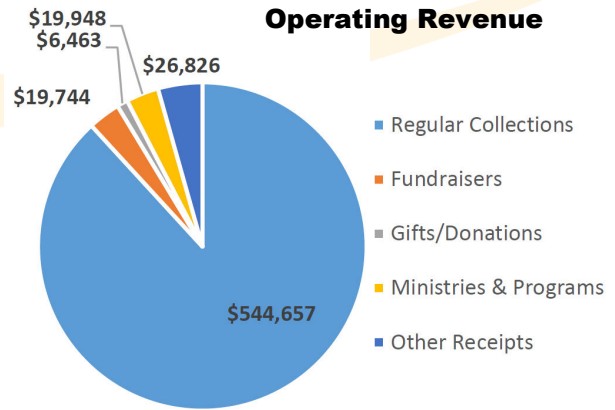
Task Force for the Bishop—please plan to participate

There are two opportunities to give your input to the task force on **Wednesday, November 20—in the afternoon 1:30-3:30 PM and in the evening 6:30-8:30 PM. Both gatherings will be at St. Charles Borromeo, 3003 Dewey Ave.** The draft recommendation is available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website:

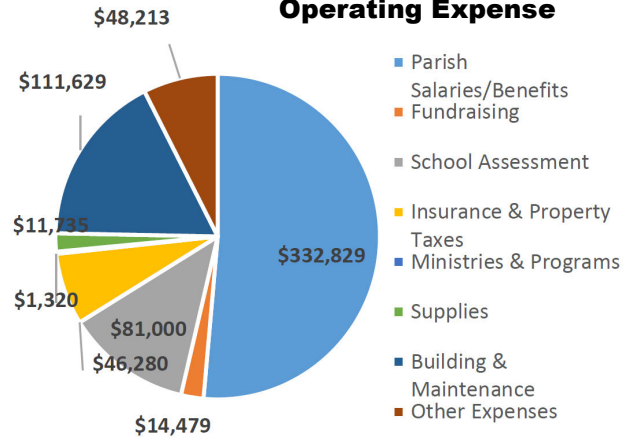
ROC Catholics Northwest or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org> or in the parish office. Please read it before coming to the meeting.



Operating Revenue



Operating Expense



OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

St John the Evangelist, Greece, Balance Sheet.

For the Fiscal year (FY) ended June 2024

	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 292,875	\$ 516,024
Accounts Receivable	\$	\$
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 292,875	\$ 516,024
Non-Current Assets:		
Investments Unrestricted	\$1,580,120	\$ 1,267,857
Investments Donor Restricted	\$ 17,512	\$ 20,512
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 1,597,632	\$ 1,288,369
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,890,506	\$ 1,804,393

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

TOTAL		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 9,374	\$ 23,409
TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES	\$	\$
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 9,374	\$ 23,409
FUND BALANCE	\$1,780,984	\$ 1,780,984
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,790,357	\$ 1,804,393

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



November 1, 2024	ATTENDANCE.....	203
All Saints Day.....	\$	1,761.04
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	35.00
All Saints Day.....	\$	1,796.04

November 2/3 Week 19	ATTENDANCE.....	393
BUDGETED Sunday Offering.....	\$	9,321.00
SUNDAY Offering.....	\$	7,032.51
ONLINE Giving.....	\$	1,810.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering.....	\$	8,842.51
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OFFERING....	(\$	478.49)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 as of November 3, 2024	
YEARLY BUDGET	\$ 494,000.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE.....	\$ 177,099.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED.....	\$ 165,869.06
SHORTAGE TO DATE.....	(\$ 11,229.94)

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Peter thanks all who continue with their financial assistance in support of the many needs in our parish.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



The Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal Continues

The goal for St. John's is \$78,000.

As of Tuesday, November 5, 172 households have pledged \$44,761, taking us to 57.39% of our goal

Have you turned in your pledge card?

If not, we encourage you to do so soon. To all of you who are "Extending Christ's Mission" THANK YOU.

Visit www.dor.org. View the CMA video. See how the funds are distributed. Make your gift TODAY!

* NOTE: When paying by check, be sure to make it payable to CMA and in the memo section of your check please write 039 St. John's, Greece.

We are required to complete the *pledge* phase of our campaign by year's end. But remember you have until May 31, 2025 to complete payment on your pledge.

NOTE: If you have made your pledge and do not see your name listed after two consecutive bulletins, please notify the Parish Office at 585-225-8980. Thank you.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- ✚ Tabernacle I Those Listed in our Book of Remembrance
- ✚ Tabernacle II Peace in Our Nation
- ✚ Marian Souls in Purgatory Who have No One to Pray for Them
- ✚ Marian II Our Families



A Special Day to Give Thanks to God for All His Benefits

We invite you to join us on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2024**, for **morning Mass** celebrated by Fr. Peter at **9:00 AM**. This is a special day for each of us to offer thanks and praise to God for ALL He has done, is doing, and will do for us. Although times are challenging in so many ways and we may not always agree with how God is "handling things", we nonetheless trust that His ways are ALWAYS best for us. If we stop and reflect, we can identify the blessings God has bestowed upon us, so on this special day come to Mass and offer gratitude for His love and mercy.

Our longstanding Thanksgiving Day tradition here at St. John's is to take up a non-perishable food collection to benefit the needs of those in our community who have a difficult time providing food for themselves and/or their families. If you chose to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to St. John's and in the memo please be sure to write: Greece Food Shelf.

Make a Gift to the CMA from Your IRA A Special Opportunity for Those at least 70 1/2 Years Old

You can give any amount from your IRA directly to the CMA without having to pay taxes on the amount given as part of your annual income. Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good about knowing that you are making a difference for the Diocese of Rochester. Your disbursement must come directly from the administrator of your IRA to the Diocese – you should not receive the funds first.

The check should be made payable to: Diocese of Rochester/CMA

Please request a notation with the gift to include: Your Name and Your Parish—039-St. John's-Greece

Please have the check mailed to:
CMA Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Rd.
Rochester, NY 14624

The Diocese of Rochester/CMA is a qualified charity. The EIN or Tax ID# is 16-0755765.

Before making this type of charitable contribution, please consult with your tax advisor or IRA administrator.

**PRAYER TO
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.**

Amen.

COMING SOON – SAVE THE DATES!!

**Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 PM
in Church:**

**Advent Concert with John Dady,
Family, and Friends** sponsored by
Knights of Columbus Council 3892.
Look for more details in next weekend’s
bulletin. You won’t want to miss this!



**Friday, December 13 from Noon to
2:00 PM in the Parish Center:
Parish Advent Reflection** led by
Deacon Lon Smith. ***Boundless
Compassion – Compassionate
Listening.*** Look for more details in next
weekend’s bulletin.

Senior Home Communion Service Ministers November 2024

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 10, 2024 Steve and Mary Ann Donato
November 24, 2024 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

November 10, 2024 Bob & Barb Gotham
November 17, 2024 Tom Grieco
November 24, 2024 Bob & Barb Gotham

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 10, 2024 Dan & Melissa Kabasin
November 17, 2024 Carolyn Kerhaert
November 24, 2024 Chris Hoefler